

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 October 1957		2. LOCATION Almogordo, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE APRO			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Lenticular Cloud <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Photo allegedly taken by government employee at Almogordo on 16 October 1957 released to news media by APRO in August 1958 as a supposed flying saucer. See: Film 7-3745-441				11. COMMENTS Photo analysis at Holloman arrived at conclusion that object was a lenticular cloud. APRO would not accept this conclusion & photo analysis at ATIC showed object to be lenticular cloud. Visual observation of photo without analysis shows photo to be of lenticular cloud. Evaluation: cloud.	

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT (U) Request for Examination, Analysis
and Comment on Lorenzen UFO

TO AFCIN-4A2F
Attn: Maj. Buckmaster

FROM AFCIN-4E

DATE 14 Aug 1958

COMMENT NO. 1

AFCIN-4E4/Capt Gregory/ac
Ext 6-9216/Bldg 828

1. Subject photograph and original 35MM negative is submitted to your office for subject action. Because of the nation-wide publicity given this photograph, and to obtain a composite of opinions from pertinent AF units, A brief background should be of assistance.

2. The photographs and/or articles regarding the incident have been publicized in most of the nationally known magazines such as TIME, NEWSWEEK and others, and, as we understand, some coverage given it by radio and TV. The Air Force will undoubtedly be asked to comment officially.

3. This office's original conclusion, when a large number of newspaper clipping photographs (one attached as Incl 2) were brought to its attention, was that this object was a rare form of cloud formation known as the "lenticular alto cumulus" type. A number of such photographs of this type have been received (see two examples, Incl. 2).

4. In reply to previous queries by the Office of Information Services, Headquarters, USAF, this Center stated that without the original negative or photo we had no comment other than our belief that it was a type of cloud as stated in previous correspondence. A request for originals resulted in receipt of the inclosures.

5. It should be noted that the conclusions of Research and Development, who reviewed the material, parallels those of this office.

6. It is requested that your comments be in some detail merely for future records or subsequent review of the case. Our findings will be made known to the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, SAFIS-3, per their request.

3 Incls.

1. 35MM negative
w/photo
2. 2 news clippings
3. 1st Ind to ARDC Ltr
dtd 1 Aug 58 w/3 Incls..

Nicholas R. T.
H. K. GILBERT
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 *H. K. Miley* Date *15 Aug 58*
Dr. Miley

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 96

REPLACES NME FORM 96, 1 OCT 48, WHICH MAY BE USED.

16-54801-3 ☆ U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

DX GA

DX1

1958
ALAMOGORDO, N.M., AUG. 9.--(UPI)--A CIVILIAN RESEARCH GROUP, SAID TODAY IT HAS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE "INDICATING A MATERIAL, EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL BASIS FOR AT LEAST A PORTION" OF REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS.

██████████, PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR FOR THE AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION HERE, MADE THE STATEMENT AS NEW WITNESSES REPORTED YELLOWISH, STARLIKE LIGHTS IN THE SKY FRIDAY NIGHT.

██████████ SAID THE "PHYSICAL EVIDENCE" WAS SECURED "THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF OUR WORLD WIDE ORGANIZATION." HE DID NOT GIVE FURTHER DETAILS, EXCEPT TO SAY THE ORGANIZATION WAS CHECKING THE EVIDENCE.

MEANWHILE, A ROCKET ENGINEER AT WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS, N.M. REPORTED SEEING A GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS NEAR THE ALAMOGORDO MISSILE TESTING CENTER AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME WITNESSES HAD SEEN A CLUSTER OF LIGHTS.

THE ENGINEER, WHOM THE ARPO DID NOT IDENTIFY, SAID THE OBJECTS WERE YELLOWISH AND FLYING FROM THE SOUTHWEST TOWARD THE TESTING CENTER AT AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT 10,000 FEET.

THE ARPO SAID A CHECK WITH AIRPORTS IN THE AREA INDICATED NO AIRCRAFT, CIVILIAN OR MILITARY PLANES IN THE AIR AT THE TIME--ABOUT 10:30 P.M.--AND NO WEATHER BALLOONS OR ROCKET LAUNCHINGS PLANNED.

EARLIER, THE ARPO SAID NINE PERSONS HAD REPORTED SEEING MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ALAMOGORDO SCHOOL SYSTEM, ██████████ TOLD THE ARPO'S FILTER CENTER "I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT IF I HADN'T SEEN IT MYSELF."

HIS DAUGHTER, ██████████, 20, SAID, "IT LOOKED LIKE DOZENS OF STARS ALL IN A CLUSTER, WEAVING IN AND OUT OF THE CLOUDS. IT MOVED TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS TO THE EAST, THEN SEEMED TO BREAK IN TWO OR SEPARATE. ONE PART WENT SOUTHEAST, THE OTHER TO THE NORTHEAST."

AN ELECTRONIC ENGINEER, ██████████, 21, SAID THE OBJECTS "SEEMED TO BE TRAVELING AT SUPER-HUMAN SPEEDS, AND MAKING MANEUVERS NO AIRCRAFT COULD WITHSTAND."

LORENZEN, ARPO PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR, SAID "DISTORTIONS" IN STATEMENTS FROM AN ARTICLE PRINTED IN THE ARPO BULLETIN BY FAMED PSYCHOLOGIST DR. CARL JUNG OF SWITZERLAND MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO "HAPHAZARD QUOTING."

JUNG SAID SATURDAY IN ZURICH THAT SOME AMERICAN NEWSPAPER HAD QUOTED HIM AS SAYING FLYING SAUCERS WERE REAL.

IN THE ARTICLE, WHICH THE ARPO REPRINTED FROM A BRITISH JOURNAL, JUNG WROTE THAT IN SOME CASES OF SIGHTINGS "I CAN ONLY SAY FOR CERTAIN THESE THINGS ARE NO MERE RUMORS---SOMETHING HAS BEEN SEEN."

WJ&JM545P..

Lorenzen, in his statement to press, implied that Dr. Jung had said "flying saucers were real"

Right! AF has always agreed!

FILM

OCT. 16, 1957

ALMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

OBSERVER - APRO

FILE # 1003473

IN CUSTODY OF AUDIO-VISUAL DIVISION

1975

This case contains 4 8"x10"
photos.

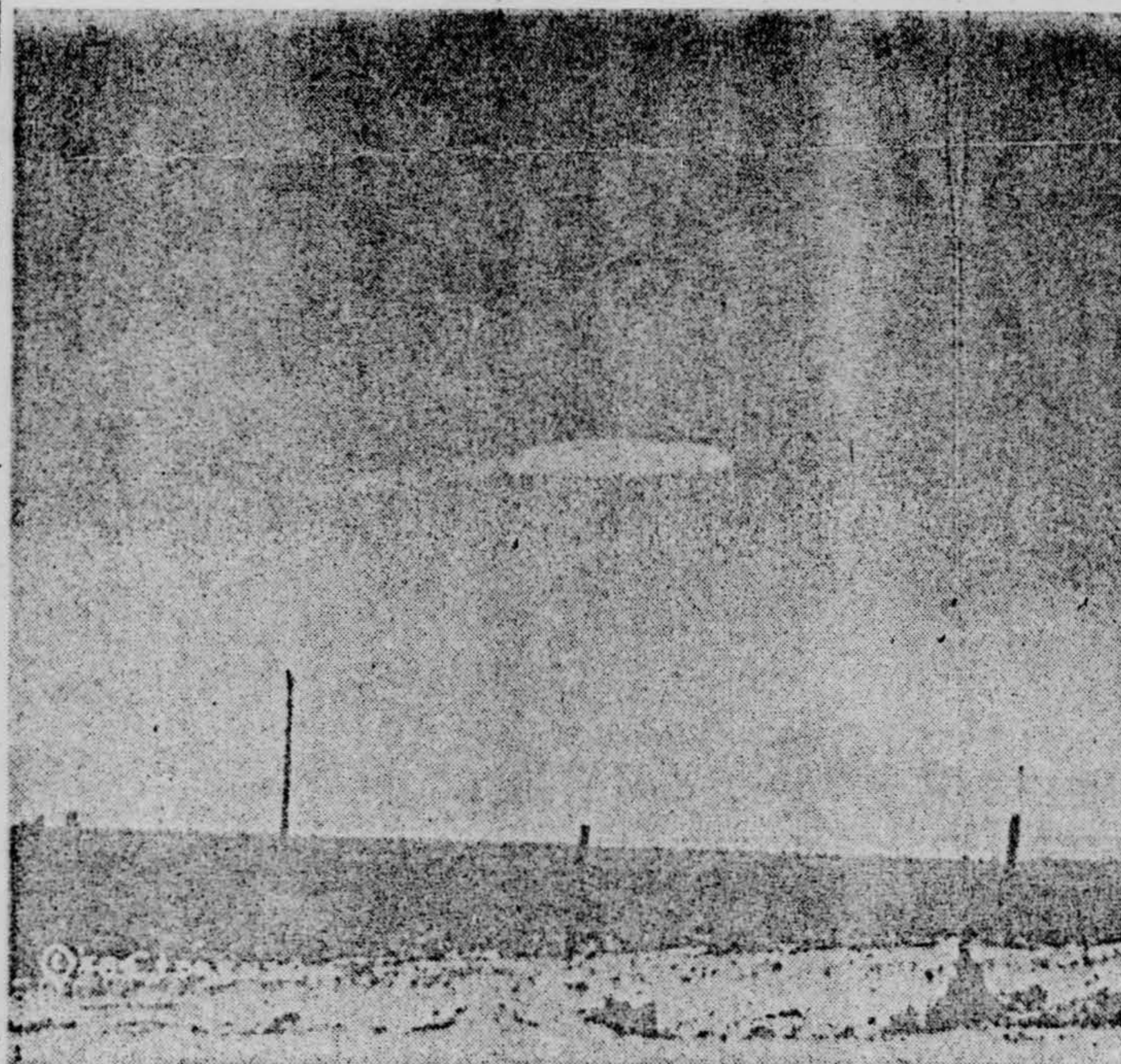
3.

ROLL OF FILM IN SEPARATE
FOLDER

CONVINCED IT'S AUTHENTIC

16 Oct 57

Flying Saucer 4,000 Feet In Diameter Photographed At New Mexico Air Base



SAUCER-SHAPED FLYING OBJECT PICTURED
Researchers Release Photo Taken At Alamogordo

Alamogordo, N.M. (UPI)—A photograph of an "unconventional aerial object" — saucer shaped and an estimated 4,000 feet across — was released yesterday by a group of civilians at this missile test center.

The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization which has government employees in its membership but has no official status, said a government photographer took the picture on Oct. 16, 1957. The weird, huge object hovered for 15 minutes over the north missile test range near Holloman Air Force Base, the APRO claimed.

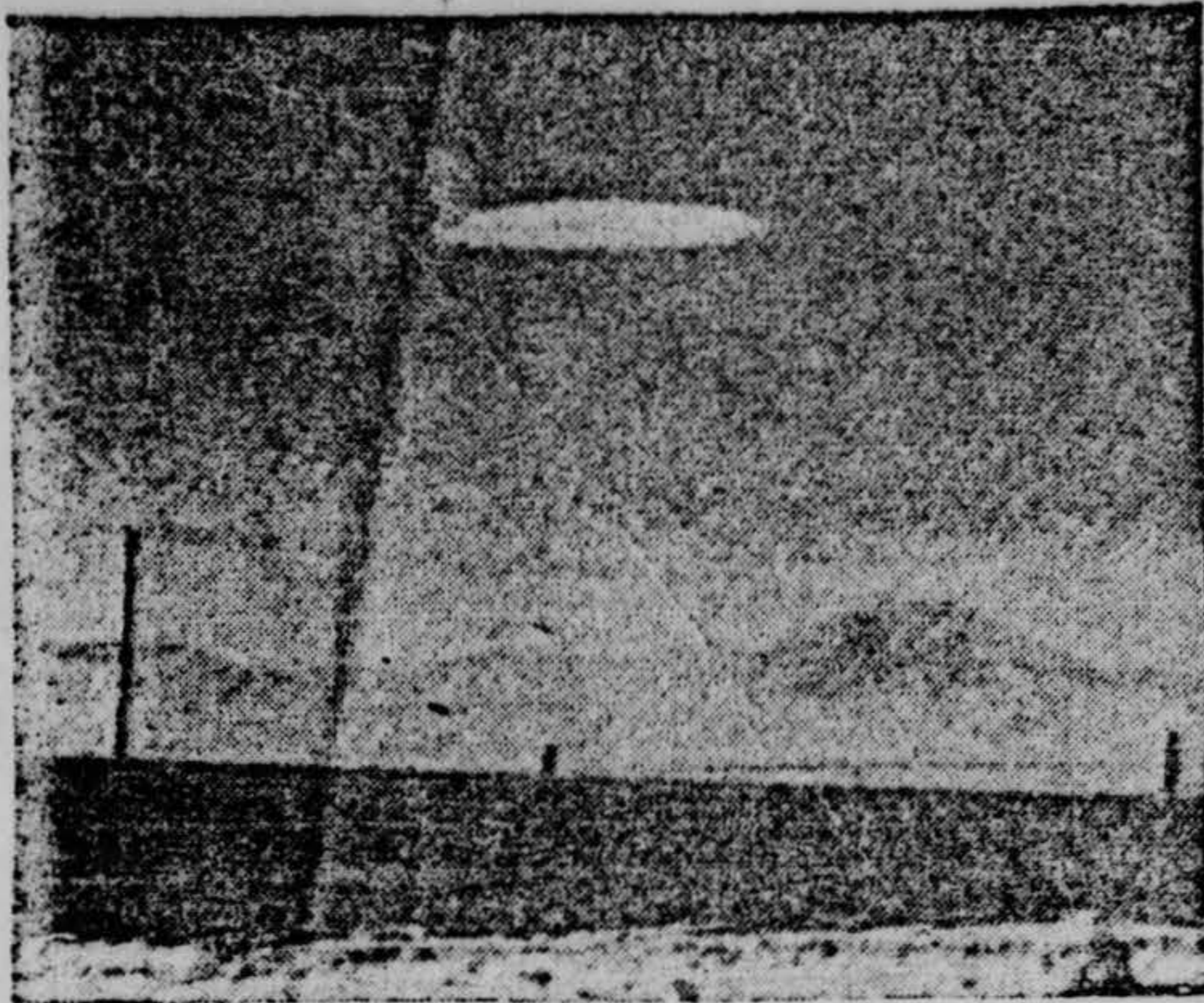
L. G. Lorenzen of Alamogordo, spokesman for the APRO, said the name of the photographer could not be revealed. He said the Hatch Act forbids government employees from becoming involved in public controversies such as the decade-long debate about whether flying saucers exist.

"Experts have examined the negative and all prints and are convinced of its authenticity," Lorenzen said. He quoted the photographer: "I've never seen anything like it before or since. It definitely was not a cloud."

March of this year, Lorenzen said. The APRO spokesman said the picture was released yesterday because the unofficial organization had made all the use of it from an information standpoint which could be made.

Dr. Carl Jung, among the world's leading psychiatrists, this week accused the Air Force of withholding information about unidentified flying objects. The Swiss psychologist said there was more than a possibility that "quasi-human beings" are at the controls of fantastically swift UFOs which are observing the earth, at the direction of "superior" beings.

Results Of 'Saucer' Hearings Reportedly Kept Secret



FLYING SAUCER—An unidentified flying object, or flying saucer, can be seen in this photo made Oct. 16, 1957, at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, N. M. The photo has just been released, under copyright, by Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, after careful study.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A group which includes a former Central Intelligence chief reported Saturday that congressional committees have conducted super-secret hearings on "flying saucers" but have never made their findings public.

The claim was made by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) which insists the Air Force is withholding evidence which would prove that flying saucers actually exist. Retired Vice Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, who once headed the Central Intelligence Agency, is a committee member.

The NICAP quoted a letter from Rep. William H. Ayres (R-Ohio) as proof that hush-hush congressional hearings had been held. An aide confirmed that Ayres wrote the letter last January to Melvin V. Knopp of West Richfield, Ohio.

The congressman said: "Congressional investigations have been held and are still being held on the problem of unidentified flying objects (UFO's). Since most of the material presented to the committees is classified, the hearings are never printed. When conclusions are reached, they will be released if possible."

The NICAP said this refuted Air Force claims that no congressional hearings had been held. The Air Force says that thorough investigation has shown there is nothing to bear out claims that reported flying saucers are man-made or piloted. Officials contend that mysterious objects in the sky are natural phenomena such as strange cloud formations, northern lights or optical illusions.

The NICAP differs. Hillenkoetter and other board members issued a statement which said:

"From evidence in NICAP's possession, it is clear the Air Force is still withholding information on unidentified flying objects—including sighting reports. We believe this policy to be dangerous. It makes it possible for the Soviet government to claim ownership of UFO's or flying saucers. Such a claim, especially at this time, might create a serious situation in this country."

The group, which includes Donald E. Kehoe who has written extensively on flying saucers, quoted Rep. Ralph H. Scott (D-N. C.) in support of the demand for more information.

Scott said: "The general public should be allowed information thus far known about flying objects except, of course, in the case where they might become unduly alarmed or panicked by such a revelation."

"If this information could be presented to the American people in such a way as to appeal to reason and not to emotion, I think it would be a good thing."

Medal Of Honor Winner

Y
J
(le
vis
wh
not
tio
cal
for

B
V

W
gov
ma
the
arb
tive
T

U
T

W
Unit
the
Iraq
The
unde
line
east
The
gove
in a
anno
men
J. G
noti
"I
men
gove

WASH. POST. 30 JULY 1958

Flying Objects Real, Psychiatrist Insists

ALAMOGORDO, N. M., July 29 (UPI)—Dr. Carl Jung, the father of analytical psychology, said today that so-called unidentified flying objects "are not mere rumor" and the U. S. Air Force was "creating panic" by withholding information about them.

Jung's statements were printed in the monthly bulletin of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, UFO filter center. Jung serves as chief psychologist for the center.

"In the course of years, I gathered a considerable mass of observations," Jung wrote. "However, I can only say for certain these things are not mere rumor. Something has been seen."

"A purely psychological explanation is ruled out by the fact that a large number of observations have proven unexplainable as natural phenomena. The United States and Canada consider the observations to be real and have set up bureaus to compile reports."

"The discs, reports indicate, do not behave in accordance with physical laws but as though without weight and they show signs of intelligent guidance by quasi-human pilots for their accelerations are such that no normal human could survive."

"Construction of the machines proves a scientific technique and one immensely superior to ours and admits no two opinions," Jung's report said.

The Swiss scientist consented to work with the research group when the organization wrote him it felt there was a "psychological factor" involved in UFO sightings, and that because of his interest, it would like to make him an honorary member.

"What astonishes me most," Jung's report continued, "is that the American Air Force, despite all the information in its possession, and its so-called fear of creating panic, seems to work systematically to do that very thing."

"It (the Air Force) has never yet published an authentic and certain account of the situation and only occasionally allowing information to be dragged out of it by journalists."



Associated Press Photo

DR. CARL JUNG

"... something has been seen"

Arch # 2

(HC-NA)

1958 Tacker advised 0930 31 Jul 58
ALAMOGORDO, N.M., JULY 30.--(UP)--A PHOTOGRAPH OF AN "UNCONVENTIONAL AERIAL OBJECT"--SAUCER SHAPED AND AN ESTIMATED 4,000 (CORRECT) FEET ACROSS--WAS RELEASED TODAY BY A GROUP OF CIVILIANS AT THIS MISSILE TEST CENTER.

THE AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION (APRO), WHICH HAS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN ITS MEMBERSHIP BUT HAS NO OFFICIAL STATUS, SAID A GOVERNMENT PHOTOGRAPHER TOOK THE PICTURE ON OCT. 16, 1957. THE WEIRD, HUGE OBJECT HOVERED FOR 15 MINUTES OVER THE NORTH MISSILE TEST RANGE NEAR HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, THE APRO CLAIMED.

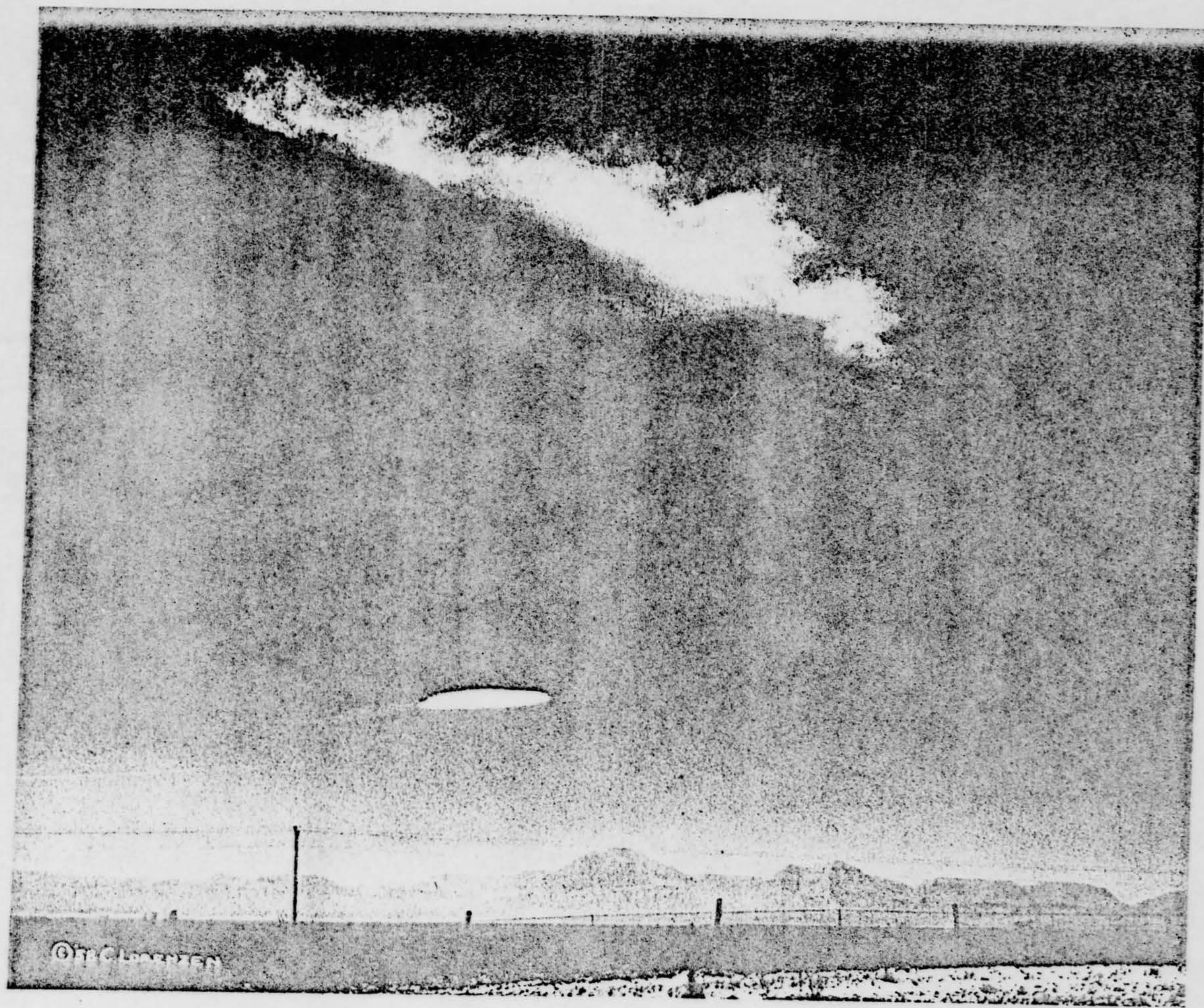
J. G. LORENZEN OF ALAMOGORDO, SPOKESMAN FOR THE APRO, SAID THE NAME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER COULD NOT BE REVEALED. HE SAID THE HATCH ACT FORBIDS GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN PUBLIC CONTROVERSIES SUCH AS THE DECADE-LONG DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER FLYING SAUCERS EXIST.

"EXPERTS HAVE EXAMINED THE NEGATIVE AND ALL PRINTS AND ARE CONVINCED OF ITS AUTHENTICITY," LORENZEN SAID. O
CONVINCED OF ITS AUTHENTICITY," LORENZEN SAID. G
CONVINCED OF ITS AUTHENTICITY," LORENZEN SAID. HE QUOTED THE PHOTOGRAPHER: "I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE OR SINCE. IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT A CLOUD."

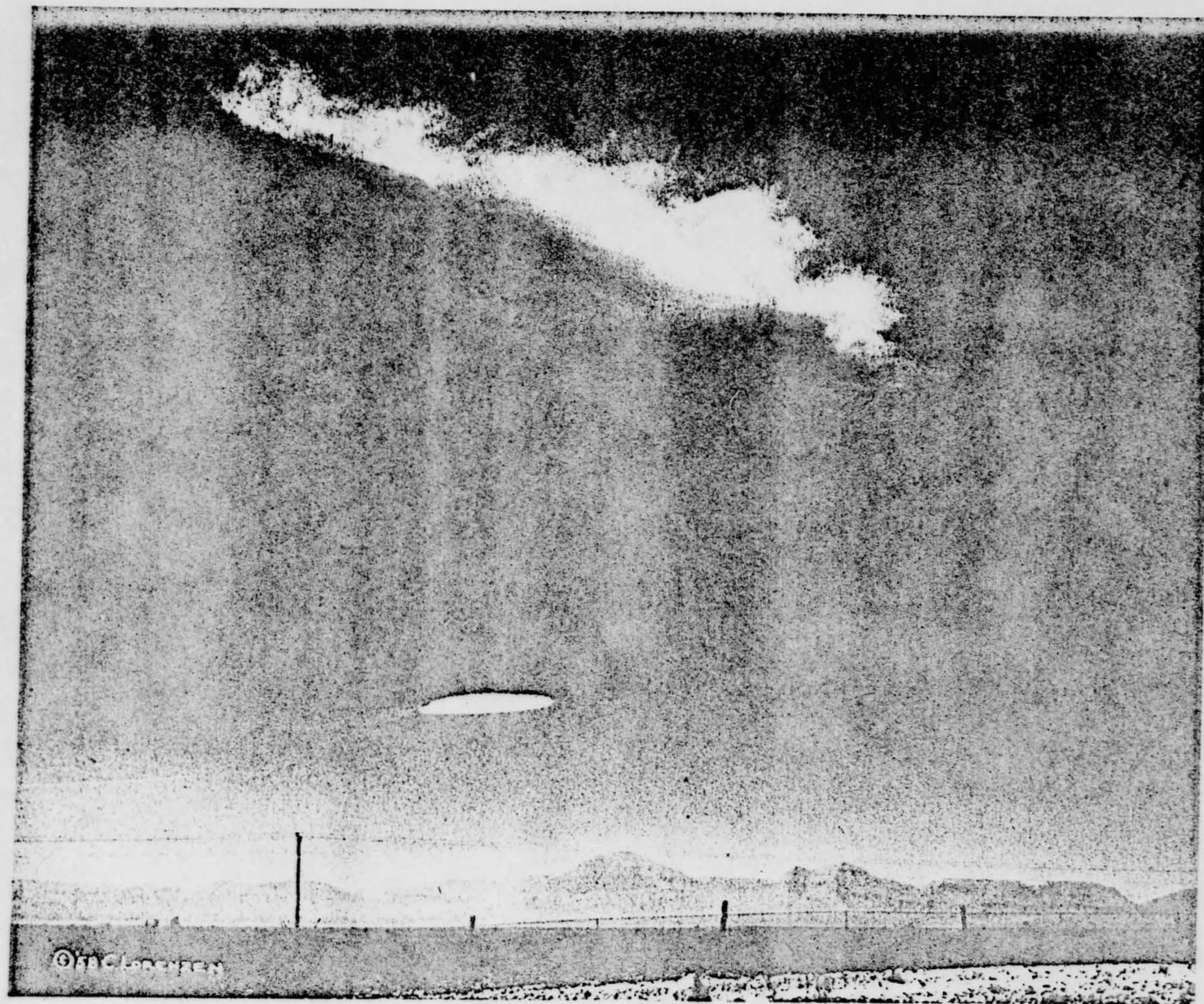
LORENZEN SAID APRO MEMBERS CALCULATED THAT THE "UNCONVENTIONAL AERIAL OBJECT" WAS 4,000 FEET ACROSS ITS LONGEST AXIS BY COMPUTING ANGLES DRAWN BETWEEN IT AND FIXED OBJECTS--TELEPHONE POLES, MOUNTAINS AND SUCH--WHICH APPEAR IN THE PHOTOGRAPH. HE ADMITTED IT WAS ONLY AN EDUCATED GUESS, SINCE THE ALTITUDE OF THE SAUCER WAS NOT KNOWN.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER DID NOT DISCLOSE THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE PICTURE UNTIL MARCH OF THIS YEAR, LORENZEN SAID. THE APRO SPOKESMAN SAID THE PICTURE WAS RELEASED TODAY BECAUSE THE UNOFFICIAL ORGANIZATION HAD MADE ALL THE USE OF IT FROM AN INFORMATION STANDPOINT WHICH COULD BE MADE.

DR. CARL JUNG, AMONG THE WORLD'S LEADING PSYCHIATRISTS, THIS WEEK ACCUSED THE AIR FORCE OF WITHHOLDING INFORMATION ABOUT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS. THE SWISS PSYCHOLOGIST SAID THERE WAS MORE THAN A POSSIBILITY THAT "QUASI-HUMAN BEINGS" ARE AT THE CONTROLS OF FANTASTICALLY SWIFT UFO'S WHICH ARE OBSERVING THE EARTH, AT THE DIRECTION OF



© 1964



© M. C. L. 1954

ments given publicity by the press, this Center recommends consideration be given to include the following in the forthcoming DOD release:

a. Rebuttal to the Widely Publicized "Space Ship Over New Mexico" Photo: This photograph was shown in all the major U.S. newspapers, in well-known publications such as NEWSWEEK and TIME, as well as some coverage by radio and TV. It is given greater significance by its purported connection with Dr. Carl Jung, the world's foremost psychologist, who is allegedly a "saucer believer", although later developments have indicated otherwise. We have the original negative. Our examinations and analysis indicate the object is a cloud. USAF Research and Development, who also examined it individually, and without our knowledge, concurs. This office submits the following for possible use as an explanation to the public:

- (1) The Sun's slant rays near dawn or dusk may often impinge themselves upon small detached cumulus clouds having flat bases and shallow, rounded domes or cylindrical shapes. The phenomenon can create a more effective illusion particularly when a type of cumulus cloud, a lenticular alto-cumulus, is involved. This cloud form, whether seen with the naked eye or photographed, has the well-defined shape and appearance of the typical so-called "flying saucer".
- (2) These detached cloud forms having "saucer" or "space ship" configurations are often photographed. When these photographs are plotted as to location, distance and size they will invariably show the object to be huge in size. For example, in a recent case the object was computed to be over one-quarter of a mile in size, floating slowly over a fairly large-size city and adjacent to an airway having considerable airra^ft. One of the largest airplanes in the world is the B-36 whose length is less than 170 feet and certainly would be noticed by any number of people if it passed over any populated areas. Yet, often the sources submitting such photographs refuses to accept the logic that it is odd that any craft 10 to 20 times larger than one of the largest aircraft in the world can pass over a city in broad daylight and in an area where (unknown to the reporter) there were a number of military and civil aircraft, covered 24 hours a day by radar and other units, and no report of anything strange or unusual reported or observed by these or others in the area.



FRONT PAGE OF THE WEEK

The Air Force (AF) has been asked to explain the photo on the bottom.

A NUCLEAR BLAST LIGHTS UP THE PACIFIC

The United States launched a missile with a nuclear warhead from Johnston Island in the Pacific August 1. The warhead was detonated somewhere high over the ocean.

It was the first high-altitude nuclear explosion—and the first firing of a ground-to-air missile with nuclear warhead—to be publicly announced by the United States. But the blast was so mighty that it was “public” even before the announcement.

At Honolulu, 700 miles away, residents were dazzled by “a ball of fire with a definite mushroom effect.” Police-station telephone lines were jammed with inquiring calls. The flash was visible from Hawaii Island, 200 miles southeast of Honolulu, to Kauai Island, 100 miles northwest.

American tests at Johnston Island had been described as involving “short-range defensive missiles”—a definition that would fit the Redstone, the Nike-Hercules, the Talos, or experimental antimissile missiles.

The August 1 test apparently was part of America’s research program aimed at developing a missile that can track down and destroy the intercontinental ballistic missiles of an enemy. Reportedly, the missile-firing was accompanied by firing of a multistage rocket, equipped with in-

struments to measure explosive effects at an altitude of 100 miles or more.

Before the firing, ships were warned to stay clear of a circle, 520 miles in radius around Johnston Island. By contrast, earlier tests have produced a danger area of only about 75 miles.

STEEL AND ALUMINUM: PRICES GO UP AGAIN

Another upward turn in the wage-price spiral was threatened last week when steel companies and aluminum producers announced price increases.

Steel companies announced price boosts averaging \$4.25 to \$4.50 a ton for flat-rolled steel—used chiefly by auto producers and appliance makers. It takes about 3,500 pounds of steel to make a low-price automobile; about a ton to make a large refrigerator.

The price of steel that goes into other things—girders for construction, drill pipe for oil rigs, tin plate for food containers—has not been raised. But there is concern that these prices may follow the others upward.

Prices of autos and appliances may not go up immediately as a result of the steel-price increase. But, according to manufacturers, higher prices to the consumer are “just a matter of time.”

Aluminum users face a price rise of seven tenths of a cent per pound, an-

nounced by aluminum companies last week. Even with the increased price, pig aluminum will be cheaper than it was last March, before the industry cut prices by 2 cents a pound. Large quantities of aluminum go into carmaking.

Both steel and aluminum companies attributed the new price increases to recent wage boosts. On July 1, steelworkers got wage raises and fringe benefits estimated by companies to total 20 cents an hour. Aluminum workers received a similar increase August 1.

AN INVASION PLOT THAT MISFIRED

An expeditionary force consisting of four Americans and three exiled Haitian Army officers landed on the coast of Haiti one night last week, bent on overthrowing the Government of President François Duvalier. They seized a truck, drove to the capital, Port-au-Prince, and launched a surprise attack.

Loyal troops soon rallied and fought back, killing all seven invaders. The revolutionary plot had been hatched, it turned out, by three Haitians and a deputy sheriff in Miami, Fla. When the “war” was over, President Duvalier was voted dictatorial powers, and demonstrators gathered at the American Embassy to protest the U. S. policy of granting asylum to Haitian exiles.

FLYING SAUCERS: FACT OR FANCY?

The idea that people who see flying saucers are “seeing things” now is attacked by a famous psychologist.

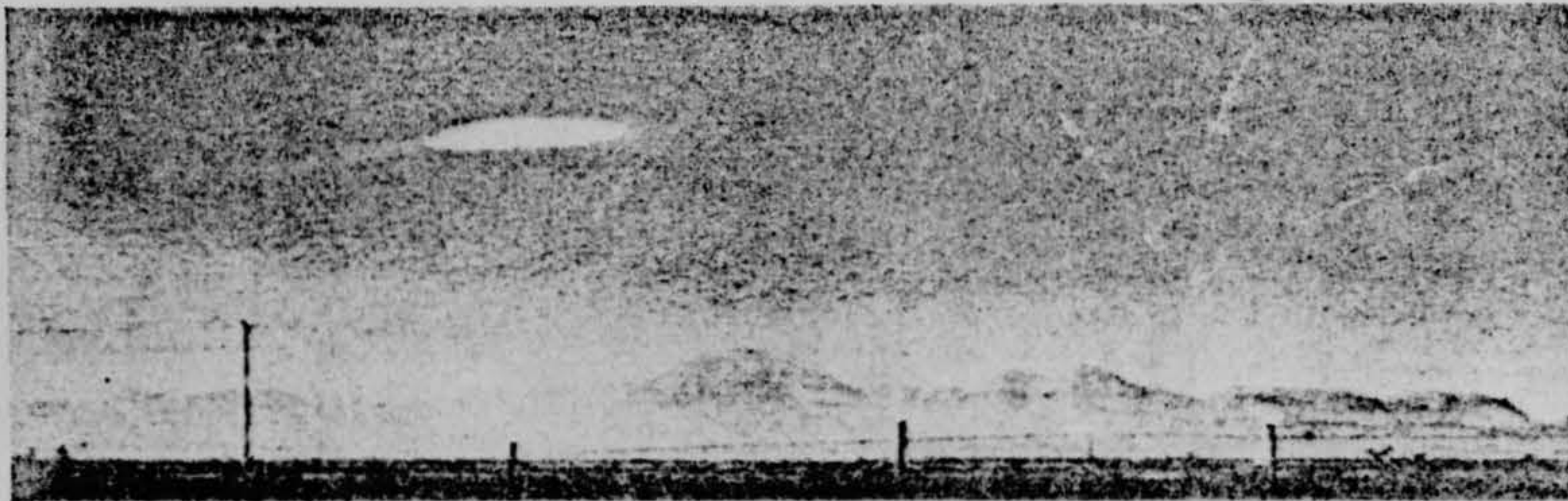
Dr. Carl Jung, 83, says he has been studying reports of “unidentified flying objects” since 1944. His conclusions: “These things are not mere rumor. Something has been seen. A purely psychological explanation is ruled out. . . . The discs . . . show signs of intelligent guidance by quasi-human pilots.” The Swiss psychologist’s findings clash with

those of the U. S. Air Force, which studied 5,700 reports of flying saucers, found no evidence that unidentified flying objects exist.

Dr. Jung’s analysis was published by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), a private group in Alamogordo, N. Mex. Photo below, released by APRO last week, purports to show an “unconventional aerial object” which hovered over a U. S. missile range Oct. 16, 1957.



DR. JUNG



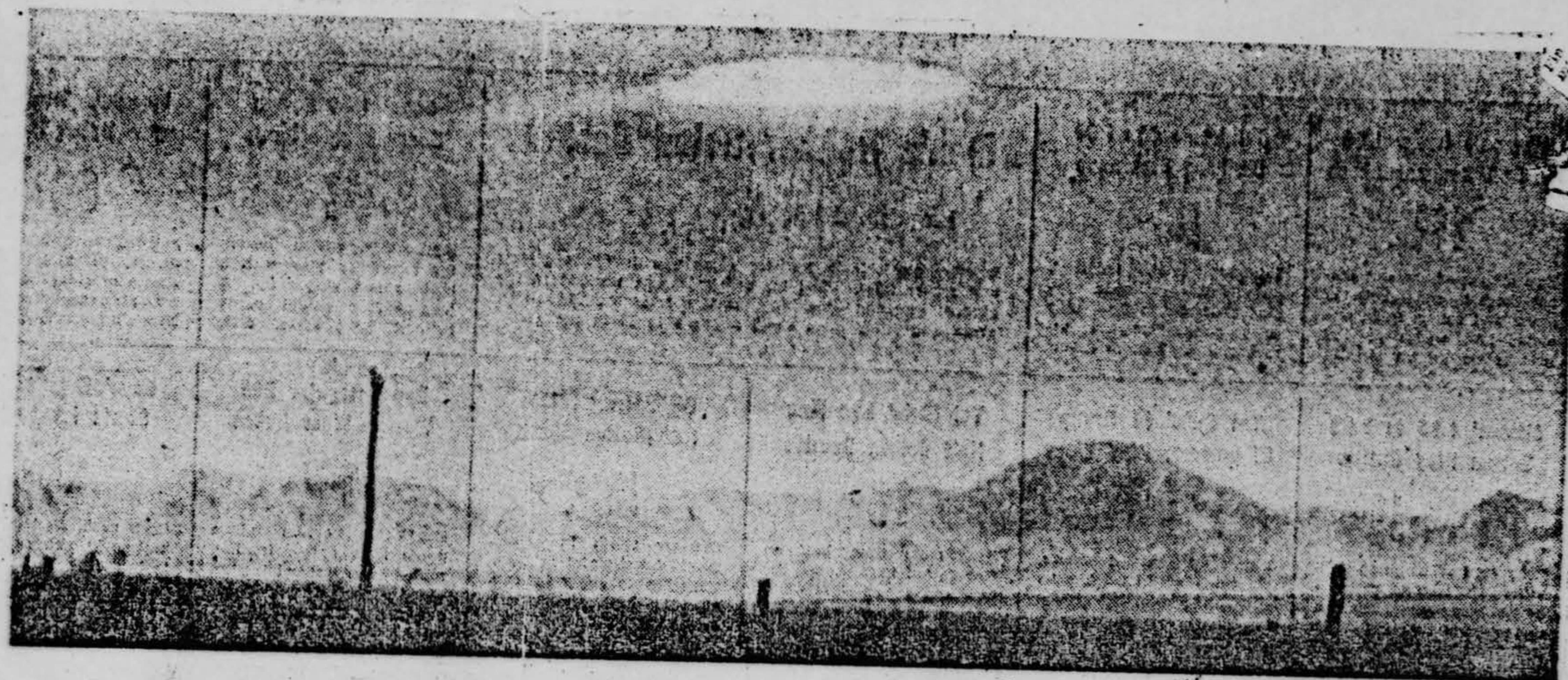
A 1957 photograph of a saucer-like “aerial object”

—Wide World, UPI

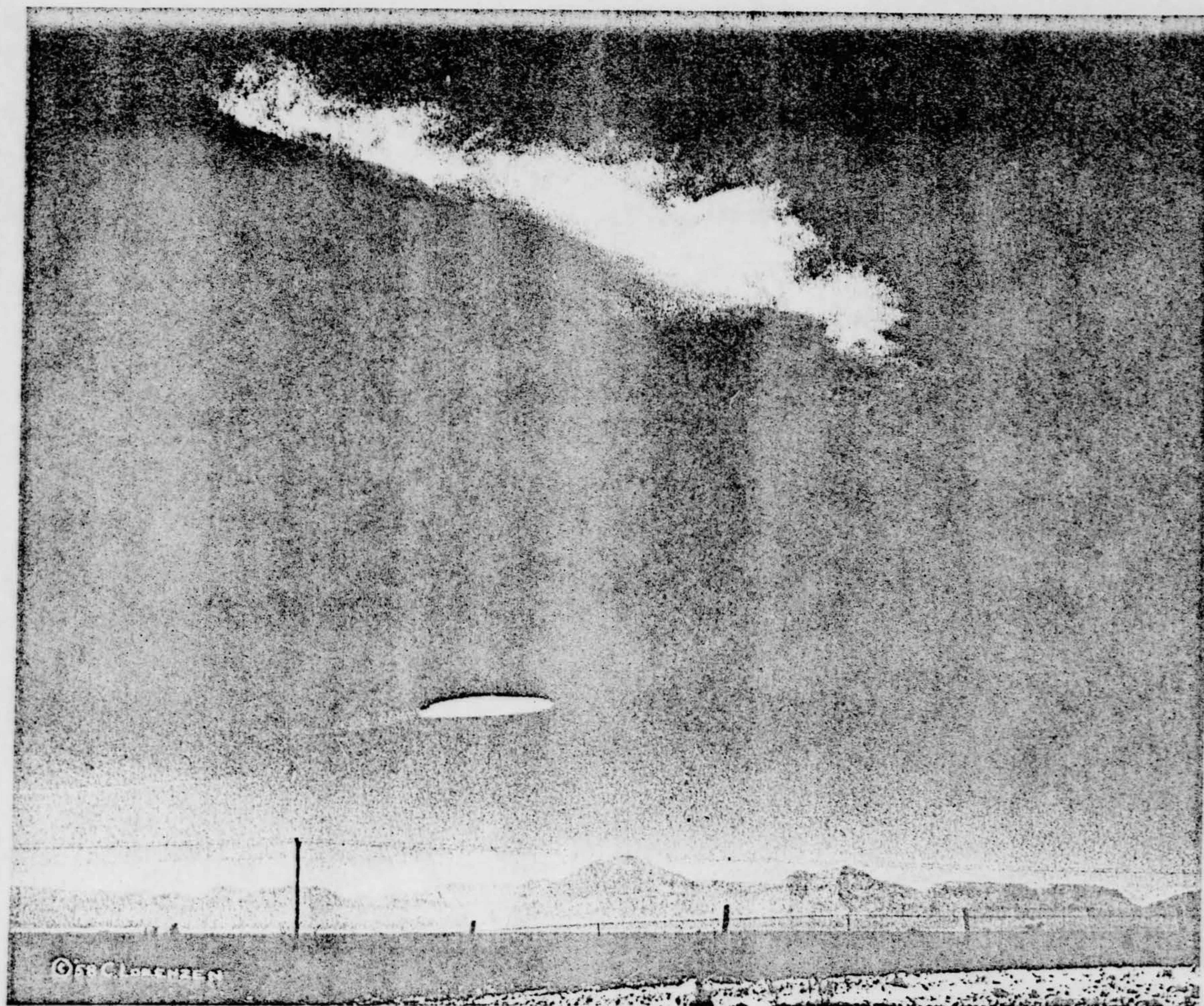
Phenomena

—UPI Telephotos.

If the heat's got you down, think of the folks in Punta Arenas, Chile. They're having the snowiest winter in years (above). The "unidentified flying object" at right was photographed last October by a government employe at Alamogordo, N.M. The picture was just released by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, copyrighted, but with no explanation.



Aug 58



ALMO GARD

(COVER SHEET)										SUSPENSE				
ORIGIN OF BASIC										DATE				
										ASSIGNED BY				
DATE					TYPE					NO.				
SUBJECT														
Analysis of 35mm Color Slide														
ROUTING														
Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)														
IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT
	OIN-1			OIN-2			OIN-3			OIN-4			AFOIN	
	OIN-1X			OIN-2X			OIN-3X			OIN-4X			AFOIN-X	
													AFOIN-X	
													AFOIN-X1	
													AFOIN-X2	
													AFOIN-X3	
													AFOIN-X4	
													AFOIN-X5	
													AFOIN-Z	
													CABLES	
													FILE	
													DISPATCH	
TO: SAFIS-3, Major Tacker										DATE				
										11 Sept 1958				
FROM: AFCIN-4E4										COMMENT NO.				
										1				
COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)														
AFCIN-4E4/T/Sgt Bolieu/ac Ext 6-9216/Bldg 828														
1. ATIC comment based on its review and analysis of 35mm color slide. 2. Briefly, our findings: a. This office's conclusion, supported by that of ATIC Photo Analysis Branch, is that this object was a rare form of cloud formation known as the "lenticular alto cumulus" type. b. It should be noted that the conclusions of Research and Development at Holloman AFB, who reviewed the material, parallels those of this office. Note should also be taken of the investigators impression of the individuals who took the picture. c. This office has no record of other UFO sightings from this area on purported date of this photograph.														
<i>photo returned</i> <i>19 Sept. 58</i> <i>josh</i>														

3. The original 35MM color slide is attached for return to the owner.

6 Incls:

1. Analysis by PA Br
2. Ltr fr AFMDC,
Holloman AFB
3. Press release on
subj UFO
4. Analysis by AFRO
5. 35MM slide in Envl
6. Page fr Time Mag
re Dr. Jung

Nicholas Post

H. K. GILBERT
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

RDG				
RDGE				
RDGP				
RDGV	HDCO, AFMDC, n/d, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object			
RDA	HEADQUARTERS AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 25, D. C.			
RDC	TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio			
RDD				
RDE	Forwarded.			
RDI	FOR THE COMMANDER:			
RDJ				
RDS	3 Incls n/c			
RDSI	ROBERT A. ELDER Colonel, USAF Director of Intelligence			
RDSK				
RDSM				
RDSO				
RDSP				
RDST				
ROD				
RODA				
RODC				
RODE				
ROTH				
ROTR				
ROTW				
RDX				
RDZ				
RDZA				
RDZE				
ROZG	NAME AND OFFICE SYMBOL OF ORIGINATOR Lt Col Saier RDSBI	PHONE NUMBER 81207	DATE 5 Aug 58	TYPIST INITIALS mj

5B

HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDER, AFMDC, ATTN:

HDOO

1 Aug. 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander
Air Research and Development Command
Attn: Chief, Intelligence
Andrews Air Force Base
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached as Inclosure 1 is an envelope containing a 35 mm Kodachrome slide and 1/2 a sheet of paper concerning the analysis of this slide. Inclosure 2 is a local press release on the same subject. Inclosure 3 is an 8 x 10 black and white enlargement of the color slide.

2. We at Holloman do not consider this to be a UFO but rather a cloud that is lighted by the sun in an unusual fashion. Personal contact with the people who took this picture left us with the impression that they were unusually biased about UFO's and could not accept the scientific evaluation of their cloud.

3. After your review and analysis please forward this correspondence to ASTIA.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

3 Incls
a/s

Dwight N. Hillis
DWIGHT N. HILLIS
Major, USAF
U F O Officer

SUBJECT: (U) Request for Examination, Analysis and Comment on Lorenzen UFO

TO: AFCIN-4E

FROM: AFCIN-4A2f

DATE: 2 Sept 58 COMMENT NR 2
Maj R. M. Buckmaster/lin
Ext 5-9196/Bldg 263/E -N

1. The color transparency contained in this report has been examined and it is the conclusion of all personnel that it is an actual color photo of clouds, as you have stated. The transparency appears to have no false photo qualities.

2. It is suggested that the transparency be turned over to the Photo Lab, AFCIN-4D, with request that an enlargement with the greatest magnification possible be made. With this type of an enlargement, the transparent edges of the object should prove it to be a cloud formation.

3 Incl
n/c

Robert M. Buckmaster
ROBERT M. BUCKMASTER
Major, USAF
AFCIN-4A2f

Microscopic examination of the original transparency shows no interruption in the grain.* Processing prints of progressively harder contrast gradually obliterates the clouds in the upper portion of the picture as well as the trail to the left of the object, but the body of the object remains firm in outline. At this point, contour lines begin to appear which indicate the object is not saucer-shaped but rather of tubular configuration.

In our investigation, no single clue was uncovered which could identify this object as anything conventional. Therefore, in our files it is listed as a UAO --- Unconventional Aerial Object.

* Superfluous statement: what person is trying to imply is that it is not a retouched photo. Certainly if an object was photographed (and reduced) naturally there will be no interruption of grain.

AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION

1712 VAN COURT
ALAMOCORDO, N. M.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Alamogordo, New Mexico, The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization today released a Kodachrome of a UFO (flying saucer) to the Public Information Office at Holloman Air Force Base. The color transparency shows an unknown object hovering over the Holloman test range approximately seven miles northwest of Tularosa, New Mexico. Included with the picture was a report giving complete attribution and analysis.

"We would like to call it a lenticular cloud", said L. J. Lorenzen, Public Relations Director of A.P.R.O., "but lenticulars simply do not form over warm desert country at low altitude ---- besides, the whirlpool air currents necessary for this type of formation would not permit the misty trails seen floating off to the left of the object." He further explained, "It was stationary when photographed and was observed in the same position for fifteen minutes."

A.P.R. O., with headquarters in Alamogordo, is a world-wide non-profit organization dedicated to the study of the UFO problem.

Aerial Phenomena Research Organization
1712 Van Court
Alamogordo, New Mexico

*what became
of it?
Dissolve?
Drift away?
Take off?
J.H.*